



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 23

"LITTLE DORRIT" is dead. Mrs. Georgianna Hayman, who claimed to be the original of that famous character of Dickens, has passed away at Southsea, England, at the age of eighty-one. Her father, a solicitor, was a close personal friend of Dickens, who frequently visited him at his home in Westminster Bridge Road, London, and so became acquainted with Mrs. Hayman, then Miss Bridges, a girl in her teens. She used to wear red shoes, and one day in hurrying to summon medical aid for a member of the family she lost one of the shoes, an incident which Dickens used in the book, Mrs. Hayman's brother was the original Tiny Tim. As a little fellow he was very fond of imitating a tight-rope walker, and while doing this fell from railings outside the house. He was impaled on a spike and became lame, but preserved his natural cheeriness in spite of the continual growth of the abscess on the leg, which ultimately caused his death in a hospital. He was also in part the character study for little Paul Dombey, and his sister, Mrs. Mayman, was in part Paul's foster-mother. This is not the first claim to have been the original of "Little Dorrit." As the London Chronicle points out, in December, 1906, a sale of work things was opened at Islington by Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper, a ninety-four-year-old woman, who was widely advertised as the original.

THE Jewish Chronicle, of London, in reviewing the annual report of the Jewish Colonization Association, says that there are now in Argentina 3,490 Jewish families, representing nearly 20,000 individuals, the great majority of whom are engaged in agriculture. The government finds these settlers, chiefly refugees from Russia and Rumania, very useful to the country that it grants every facility to the Jewish immigrants, transporting them free of charge from the port of debarkation to the interior.

STATISTICS report that in ten years 9,771,512 immigrants have come into the United States, a multitude equal to the combined population of all New England and two of the Middle States. Possibly the majority of them are valuable acquisitions to the nation. But we fear that among them are a million or two reasons for greater strictness in our immigration laws.

THE "American Israelite" in the current number says that among the numerous explanations of the term "Four Hundred," usually applied to New York society, none has ever been offered that "fits without wrinkles, whereupon it suggests the following solution: 'Ahab, according to 1 Kings, XII, summoned the four hundred prophets to consult them about attacking the Syrians at Ramoth Gilead. Among them was Zedekiah, who struck his rival, Micajah, on the cheek because the latter indulged in the first well authenticated case of 'muck-raking,' viz, stating that the 'four hundred' were inspired by a lying spirit. Thus does history repeat itself—more or less accurately.'

A PARTY is sadly divided when its president and ex-president are engaged in a warfare to the knife upon its vice president.

Charged with Stealing a Locomotive. Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 23.—Charged with having stolen a locomotive from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, James Willis, aged 33, who was arrested in Pittsburgh, was returned here today and will stand trial. The locomotive was stolen six months ago from the local yards by Willis, it is alleged, who ran it outside the city limits, under a full head of steam, and then stripped it of its brass and small machinery. He was buried in a neighboring woods and later it is said unearthed and sold it for \$500.

The Suicide of B. W. Yates. Cleveland, O., Sept. 23.—Inquest into the suicide of B. W. Yates, wealthy Detroit business man, who hanged himself in the county jail yesterday after he had shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Ida Singer, during a quarrel at White's Road House, was scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock this morning. Corner Roesger announced that he would attempt to establish a motive for the suicide other than the shooting of Mrs. Singer. Yates's body was shipped to Brantford, Ont., early today.

Postoffice Robbed. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23.—Robbers broke into the postoffice at Lafayette, Ga., early today, blew the safe and escaped with stamps and cash, aggregating about \$1,200. The federal authorities here were notified and blood hounds were sent from Chattanooga to trail the yeggmen.

The S. O. Pollard tannery at Woburn, Mass., was destroyed by fire early today from a loss of \$60,000. The whole stock in trade and all the machinery of the tannery were wiped out.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette.

A long conference was held today between members Emery and Sanders, of the tariff board and representatives of the Chemical Manufacturers' Association. It is one of a series of conferences held by the board with one of various industries, with a view to devising the best means for getting facts bearing on the tariff.

Judges of the Customs Court of Appeals met today and mapped out work for the fall term of three weeks. There are 210 cases on the docket.

The census bureau announced this afternoon that the present population of Baltimore is 558,485. The gain since 1900 is 49,528 or 9.7 per cent. This makes Baltimore the seventh city in the United States. Cleveland passed Baltimore with a total of 560,663; a gain of 178,895 or 46.9 per cent. In 1900 Baltimore led Cleveland by 127,189. Now Cleveland moves up to sixth place but by the narrow margin of 2,178 in excess of the Baltimore population.

The population of Savannah, Ga., is 65,064 an increase of 10,820 or 19.9 per cent over the 1900 census.

The last touches in furnishing up the White House in preparation for the coming of President Taft and the members of his Cabinet who are to have a house party and cabinet meetings were taken today. President Taft is expected on Sunday morning and all of the members of the Cabinet, with the exception of Secretary Dickinson, who is now in China, will arrive in Washington about the same time from the summer homes in various parts of the country. The White House is "all brushed up" for the president and members of his official family, all of whom will gather under the same roof. The building itself has been cleaned inside and out. Workmen completed the task today of brushing off the codling moth caterpillars which gathered under the cornices during the summer. The official machinery is being oiled and put in working shape by Executive Clerk Latta and Chief Telegrapher William Smithers who came as an advance guard from Beverly.

FLIGHT ACROSS THE ALPS.

Chavez Passes Over Simplon Pass en route to Milan and Later is the Victim of What May Prove a Fatal Accident—A Twenty-thousand-dollar Prize Offered the Aviator.

Brieg, Switzerland, Sept. 23.—George Chavez, the Peruvian aviator, flew in his monoplane over the Simplon Pass today, en route to Milan, Italy, 70 miles away. He passed the Simplon Kulu at 1:48, with the indications that, despite bad weather and adverse winds, he would complete the flight. The pass is 7,000 feet high.

Today's was the fourth attempt Chavez had made to fly over the Simplon Pass.

The course to Milan is over Lake Maggiore and was marked by smoking fires. A \$20,000 prize awaits Chavez if he reaches Milan.

Milan, Sept. 23.—Chavez reached Domodossola, 30 miles from Brieg, and well over to the Italian side of the Alps. He was flying at an altitude of only 1,000 feet when he reached Domodossola.

Milan, Sept. 23.—After a successful flight over the Alps and the crossing of the Simplon Pass, 7,000 feet high, Aviator George Chavez, a Peruvian, was dangerously injured today near Domodossola, about thirty miles from Brieg, Switzerland, the starting point.

Chavez lost control of his monoplane through the burning of his hands from the extreme cold. He was flying at a height of from 8,000 to 9,000 feet at the time, and the machine dashed to earth at a terrific speed.

It looked as though Chavez would be dashed to pieces, and those who witnessed the rocket-like descent of the monoplane cried out in horror. When within 200 feet of the ground, Chavez, as though by a miracle, regained partial control of the machine and prevented its being dashed to pieces. As it was, the machine struck the ground with terrific force, and Chavez sustained a broken left leg, while his right thigh was severely cut and bruised. He was taken to a hospital in Domodossola, where it is feared his injuries may prove fatal.

Chavez's monoplane was reduced to splinters. When he regained consciousness, he said that he was frozen by the low temperature encountered in crossing the pass. He didn't know how helpless he really was until he attempted to manipulate his machine while approaching Domodossola. Chavez was in the air 49 minutes. Pailletti, a French aviator, and Henry Weymann, the American, followed Chavez. Pailletti, succeeded in making a much better flight than Chavez, reaching Stresa on Lake Maggiore, 25 miles beyond Domodossola, in safety.

Weymann, however, was forced to descend at 1:16 after he had been in the air five minutes.

Pailletti came within 25 miles of reaching Milan, the objective point of the aviators, as they were contesting for the \$20,000 offered for a flight over the Alps to Brieg, Milan.

Pailletti and Weymann were both favored with better weather than Chavez encountered and the latter's daring in rising in the face of strong wind, was cheered by several thousand spectators. Pailletti was also in bad shape when he reached Stresa. He had to be lifted from his machine.

Pailletti announced that as soon as he had rested awhile, he would resume his voyage. The rest of the route presents no unusual obstacles.

Audience to be Packed.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Theodore Roosevelt is promised a novelty next week at the Saratoga convention, when the prospects are that for once he will address an audience purposely packed to prevent a favorable demonstration. Plans were today completed for a special train to carry 1,000 followers of William Barnes, Jr., to Saratoga. These rioters will be scattered through the galleries with instructions to whoop it up for the Albany boss and stop any avian which may be started in favor of Roosevelt or his ideas.

Archer Brown was electrocuted in the penitentiary in Richmond yesterday morning for murder. He was from Augusta county. Several months ago he shot Perry Harg, the same shot killing a child standing near. He made a confession.

EXPLOSION ON A BATTLESHIP.

During Battle Practice a 12-inch Gun Explodes on the Georgia—No One Injured.

On board the U. S. S. Georgia, at sea, Southern Drill Grounds, by wireless via Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 23.—Several members of the gun crew in the forward turret were stunned today by the bursting of the muzzle of the great twelve-inch gun on the left side of the turret.

The monster gun had been fired as the first shot in today's battle practice, when with a roar that shook the ship to the engine rooms, the big barrel let go. There was great excitement for several minutes following the accident, before the word could be passed around that no one was killed and that there was no further danger. The men below decks and above conducted themselves in admirable fashion.

The construction of the turret, which is such that the men within were well protected from the full force of the explosion, saved a disaster that might have cost several lives. The fumes and bits of burning powder which were swept into the turret by strong head winds, made it difficult for the men in the turret to make their way to fresh air. But the stunned men were given quick assistance, and in a few moments all were found to be safe.

The heavy barrel of the gun, beyond the big jacket was shattered. The breech end, with the jacket, was not damaged. When the smoke cleared away, the jagged stub was revealed extending from the turret.

The men evidently were unaffected by the accident and were ready to continue the practice as if nothing had happened.

Fourteen were in the turret at the time of the accident and all were ready to go back and handle the other gun in the forward turret.

Capt. W. L. Rodgers, in command of the ship, however, will not attempt to use the other gun in the forward turret. In the remainder of the practice the Georgia will use her rear turret and smaller guns.

It was reported unofficially, after an investigation had been made, that the ship probably would be equipped with new twelve-inch guns all around as these in use were made more than ten years ago. Since then much improvement has been accomplished.

A new gun has been ordered for the Georgia and will be installed before November 1, in order that she may make the cruise with the rest of the fleet to the Mediterranean. Further than going over the power records in the department, no effort will be made to ascertain the cause of the explosion as little or nothing could be learned from what fragments remained of the gun.

Commander in Chief Schroeder also reported that target practice will be continued today, but progress has been slow owing to the rough sea which rendered boating difficult.

ANXIETY IN SPAIN.

One Hundred Demonstrations Planned for October 2—Counter Demonstrations to be Held by the Anti-Clericals.

London, Sept. 23.—"The Spanish dynasty is in dire straits and will find increasing difficulty in maintaining itself much longer."

The prophecy was telegraphed to the London Telegraph by its Madrid correspondent, who is conceded to be the best posted authority on Spanish affairs in Europe. His dispatch is in keeping with other alarming messages today from Spain.

The Exchange Telegraph's correspondent says that the ministry has been warned that more than 100 clerical demonstrations are being planned for October 2, on the eve of the assembling of the Cortes, for the purpose of over-riding the government. To offset the effect of these, the anti-clericals are organizing counter demonstrations, and it is considered inevitable that serious clashes will result since the government announced that it would not interfere with the pro-church demonstrations, provided the participants did not arm themselves, the movement has gained immensely and indications now are that fully 2,000,000 people will take part in the meetings of October 2.

The entire military strength of Spain will be mobilized for any emergency that may arise on the day of the demonstration. Publicly, Premier Canalejas still professes the utmost confidence in the ability of the government to control the situation, but he is nevertheless in almost constant communication with the Minister of War and members of the cabinet regarding the steps to be taken should be clerical agitation reach the threatened magnitude.

TOM WATSON URGES BOLT.

To disregard the nomination of Hoke Smith for governor on the ground that the democrats are not bound by the primary which chose him because of the methods by which the primary was conducted, was the advice of Thomas E. Watson, once populist candidate for the presidency, in a speech at Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday night. He urged democrats to vote for Gov. Joseph M. Brown for another term, although Brown is not a nominee, declaring that voters are free to treat the Smith nomination as null and void.

What Watson called "bossism" and the alleged use of "money and whisky in elections, and the securing of nominations by fraud and deception" were the reasons he gave for urging a bolt from the regular democratic nominee.

Near the close of his speech Mr. Watson declared: "I am authorized to say that if the people call on Governor Brown he will serve."

After the speech Mr. Watson said he was confident the governor would accept the office if re-elected.

Hoke Smith Declines to Speak.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23.—Hoke Smith today declined an invitation to make speeches in Indiana for the democrats who are opposing Senator Beveridge for re-election. Smith said that engagements in Georgia would make it impossible for him to visit Indiana during the campaign.

URGES USE OF CONVICT FOR WHITE PLAGUE TEST.

Muncie, Ind. Sept. 23.—If the state of Indiana has a legal right to do so, and he can induce Governor Thomas Marshall to grant freedom to a life convict who would submit to the test, Dr. W. E. Cover, state veterinarian, would demonstrate upon a living subject whether it is possible for human beings to contract tuberculosis from milk given by infected cows or from meat taken from cattle that were infected with tuberculosis. The matter was discussed with local veterinarians here when the state veterinarian found it necessary to destroy a number of registered cows afflicted with tuberculosis.

And in spite of this destruction of property he do not know positively whether the human system can be affected by bovine tuberculosis, said Cover. "I have broached the idea to Governor Marshall that, in the interest of humanity, he permit some life convict now serving time to be inoculated with bovine tuberculosis, the man to be promised parole or absolute freedom as a reward. I believe the plan both humane and practical, for the reason that on the least manifestation of the disease the patient could be treated and probably cured. Thus he would have both health and freedom. Of course, he might die, but death would not be much worse than life behind the bars, devoid of hope."

I believe the State has the moral right to conduct this experiment, although, of course, it could not compel any convict to submit to such a test. I believe, however, that many a doomed man would be glad to avail himself of the privilege. Governor Marshall seemed to think my plan had much merit, but I could see he hated to take the responsibility and that the notoriety incident to it would be distasteful to him. Thousands of human lives would be saved if it were positively known that bovine tuberculosis is communicable to humans."

Freight Rate Conference. Topeka, Kans., Sept. 23.—With the permanent organization of the Mid-Western Traffic Association, embracing the majority of the commercial organizations in the middle western states, the freight rate conference, which closed here last night, is believed today to have yielded results more important than the organizers of the conference had expected.

The conference closed after the adoption of resolutions demanding the rigid enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law, as applied to bureaus for the fixing of freight rates and urging the physical valuation of railroads as the only effective means of learning whether an increase in rates would be reasonable.

President Taft will be presented with a copy of the resolution regarding the anti-trust law by a committee of seven appointed by Chairman McKenzie, of the conference, while the same committee will lobby in Congress for the passage of a bill that will permit the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a complete physical valuation.

The adoption of the resolutions came only after heated debate. At one time the conference was threatened with disruption, but this ended with the withdrawal of J. H. Johnson, of Oklahoma City, who had offered substitute resolutions, asking only a protest against the proposed increase in rates by the western roads and insisting that the anti-trust law should not be invoked against the roads. He declared that the physical valuation of railroads is unnecessary.

Young Women Do Sexton's Work. Chester, Pa., Sept. 23.—When the South Chester Methodist Episcopal Church was without a sexton, several months ago, the girls of the Sunday school class taught by Mrs. Emma J. Kepler volunteered to keep the church clean. They performed the work so well for a period of twelve weeks that trustees voted them \$100 for their services. The money was promptly turned back to the church and will be used to help reduce the mortgage on the property.

The young women who performed the work on behalf of their church are Misses Martha Law, Emma Law, Clara Neal, Bessie Kepler, Emma Stanton, Bessie Williams and Mary Morris. The trustees elected a permanent sexton Wednesday night, declaring they would no longer impose upon the goodness of the young women, who asserted they would keep the place clean as long as there was no sexton.

Dog Restores Child.

Patterson, N. J., Sept. 23.—A poodle was responsible for 3-year-old George Whitman being returned to his home yesterday.

The little fellow wandered away shortly after 8 o'clock, and about two hours afterward a citizen picked him up a half mile from his home. The dog was with the child and followed on to police headquarters. George could not tell his name or address, but it was noticed that the dog had a license tag on its collar. The license books showed the license to have been issued to Mrs. Mary Whitman, and a policeman was sent to the house where the child's mother was found almost frantic with grief over the disappearance of George.

Niagara Pool Loses Grip.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 23.—For the first time, so far as known, the waters at the foot of the American falls, which usually suck downward and long hold in deep-lying whirlpools whatever comes to them, eventually releasing it far down the river, Wednesday night cast upon the shore near the base of the falls the body of a man.

Marks on the clothing, which was complete except for a coat, indicate that the body was that of W. A. Magill, of Belfast, Ireland. The man was apparently 35 years old.

Mayor Lost a \$50 Panama Hat.

Pittsburg, Sept. 23.—Mayor William A. Magee of Pittsburg issued orders yesterday for a complete investigation of the conduct of certain police officers on the night of September 15, when the officers are said to have permitted the wanton destruction of straw hats, it being "straw hat night" in Pittsburg. This is considered the first move toward abolishing what business men here have for years considered a senseless proceeding, that of smashing your neighbor's straw hat on September 15, if he be unfortunate enough to wear one.

Mayor Magee was himself a victim of "straw hat night" antics, losing his \$50 Panama.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Health Department of New York has placed infantile paralysis on the list of quarantinable diseases.

In an interview in Washington yesterday Secretary of Agriculture Wilson attributed the high price of meat to a decrease in cattle-raising in the west.

Father Novedo, a professor in a Capucine college, in Madrid, blew out his brains when overtaken with a woman with whom he had eloped.

Representative Ollie James has formally announced himself a candidate for United States senator from Kentucky to succeed Thomas H. Paynter.

At Atlanta, Ga., yesterday Indianapolis was selected as the next convention city by the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, defeating Los Angeles, Baltimore, Chicago, and Sidney, Australia.

John E. Gilman, of Boston, was elected commander-in-chief and Rochester, N. Y., was selected as the next place of meeting by the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Atlantic City yesterday.

A recommendation that no missions be established in the Sudan, but that the missionaries on the Congo be reinforced and the work extended, is made in the report to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the annual convention.

That Mayor William J. Gaynor will be nominated by the democratic state convention at Rochester next week as its gubernatorial candidate and that he will be bitterly opposed by the Hearst followers, was the openly expressed opinion of well informed democrats in New York city yesterday.

Attracted by the rooster which adorned a new chandelier fall bonnet, worn by Miss Lucy Livingston, a big gray tom cat pounced from a tree upon the wearer as she was passing through Drake Park, Des Moines, Iowa, yesterday afternoon, severely lacerating the young woman's face and almost destroying the bonnet. Three deep cuts from the cat's claws were made on the girl's face. The girl declares the cat was perched in a tree watching for birds, and when it caught sight of her hat it pounced upon it with the intention of making a meal of it.

Mrs. Lydia L. Meade committed suicide at her home in Philadelphia yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas, because she had been robbed of diamonds. Two weeks ago a burglar entered her house and stole diamond earrings, worth \$500, from her ears while she was asleep. Six months ago she was robbed of diamonds and other jewels worth \$1,000. These losses had a depressing effect upon her.

Alfred Ritter, a prominent Frederick, Md., lawyer and former secretary of the Maryland state senate, committed suicide last night by strangulation. Mr. Ritter, who for a long time had been in a depressed condition, suffering from a nervous breakdown, and had been under treatment at a sanitarium from which he recently returned, had on several occasions attempted to end his life.

Announcement of the resignation of Gen. Samuel Crocker Lawrence, of Medford, Mass., most puissant grand commander, came as a climax to a session of the supreme council, sovereign grand inspectors general of the thirty-third degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, of the northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States, at Detroit, Mich., last night. Barton Smith, of Toledo, grand lieutenant commander, succeeded him. The reason for Gen. Lawrence's resignation from the highest office in Masonry, at which he held a life tenure, is guarded as a secret.

THE SECOND DISTRICT PRIMARY.

When Attorney Braden Vandeventer of counsel for the people, in the investigation in the Second district democratic Congressional primary, now underway in the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk, yesterday asked the investigating committee that his side to the controversy be allowed to make copies of the Norfolk registration books used in the primary, by far the biggest light of the investigation so far was precipitated.

Attorneys for W. A. Young, whose nomination for Congress is being contested by Representative H. L. Maynard, were on their feet in an instant, protesting against the copying of the books on the ground that those books were the property of the democratic party in which were notations which could be valuable to the republicans.

The investigation committee, which has always displayed a desire to look into anything that might throw light on the election, ruled that the books could be copied. These books are copies of the original registration books which are used in general elections. Shortly after the ruling of the committee, City Chairman Schenck appeared with them. The Young aggregation asked for copies of the Portsmouth registration books in the afternoon, and after further debate and the raising of the question of available funds to pay for having the copies made, Chairman McIntyre, of the committee, stated that in the hands of made and the funds in the hands of the democratic state central committee would be used to pay the cost.

The probe into the election is going deeper every day and a mass of evidence has been collected by the attorneys for each of the three sides to the controversy—people's Young's and Maynard's—which, it is claimed, will be startling when made public before the committee in bills to be filed with the committee tomorrow.

James V. Trehy, called the city boss; Dr. Powhatan S. Schenck, the democratic city chairman, and other leaders of the local ring were in almost constant attendance upon the meeting of the committee yesterday and fighting severely for their every political existence. The first showing of hands will be to-day when bills of allegations are filed. The investigation continued until late last night.

Ely's Cream Balm has been tried and not found wanting in thousands of homes all over the country. It has won a place in the family medicine chest and the reliable household remedies where it is kept at hand for use in treating cold in the head just as soon as some member of the household begins the preliminary sneezing or snuffling. It gives immediate relief and a day or two's treatment will put a stop to a cold which might, if unchecked, become chronic and run into a bad case of catarrh.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Fire originating in a defective flue totally destroyed the residence of Winard Dunbar, three miles west of Haymarket, shortly after 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$1,500, partly covered by insurance.

Great preparations have been made for the entertainment of the Shriners at Harrisonburg today. A delegation of about 40 members of Acca Temple, Richmond, will hold a ceremonial session there tonight. Twenty-five candidates from Harrisonburg, Alexandria and Richmond will be initiated.

SUICIDE.

Kissing his wife and babies goodbye and telling them that he was going over to a neighboring farm for a few hours, Frank Nichols, 35 years old, left his home near Centerville, on Warrenton road, early Monday morning and that was the last that his family saw him in life. Searching parties, who went to look for Nichols after his absence from home created alarm, found his body hanging from the limb of a tree in the woods near his home at a late hour Tuesday night. Worry over his finances is assigned as the cause of the tragedy. In his pocket was found a note in which he complained of the dust.

Dr. Meredith, coroner of Prince William county, who was on the scene when the body was found, states that authorities of Fairfax county declared that an inquest was unnecessary.

Nichols had recently bought the farm and a payment is said to be due this month, and that he had failed to realize funds from the sale of property in Loudoun county. This worry, it is believed, drove him to suicide. A few days before the tragedy he asked his wife, what she would do if he were to die, but gave no hint of the impending tragedy. —[Manassas Democrat.]

The Illinois Republican.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 23.—When the republican state convention met here today with Gov. Densen as temporary chairman, the ways were geared for the launching of a party platform which will please all and offend none, except perhaps Senator Lorimer.

Gov. Densen delivered the key note address and there were no harsh words for anyone. The platform will follow closely the outline of the governor's speech and will not contain a plank to act as a stumbling block in the convention. The platform will endorse the national administration and President Taft's plan for a tariff commission. Senator Culbourn, Speaker Cannon and all of the Illinois congressmen will draw an endorsement, but it will be so worded that none can take offense.

Senator Lorimer will not be mentioned. The bi-partisan organizations in the state legislature will be denounced. Everything savoring of corruption will be condemned and investigations demanded, but no names mentioned. Gov. Densen will undoubtedly be named permanent chairman.

After a characteristic speech by Speaker Cannon calling for the support of all republicans for the Taft administration and the acts of Congress especially the tariff bill the convention adopted a platform commending the administration. The platform followed the policies as outlined by Governor Charles Densen in his keynote speech.

After announcing the keynote, Alfred Austrian, would be permitted to represent the Chicago Tribune's investigation against Lorimer and that Lorimer should be represented by counsel. Chairman Burrows said he thought counsel should get together and decide upon the best methods of expediting the investigation.

Minister Calls Banquet Disgraceful Carousal.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—That a banquet, over which Federal Judge J. Peter S. Grosscup presided at the Exmoor Golf Club, was a "disgraceful carousal," is the allegation of Rev. Thomas Quayle, of Lake Forest.

The minister is secretary of the Lake County Law and Order League, says the club violates the law by selling liquor to its members. But it was Saturday night's dinner that aroused the ire of Rev. Quayle most. It had been advertised as a "fellowship banquet," and many of the most prominent men in Chicago attended.

In his complaint Rev. Quayle asserts that at the banquet many of the members were in a state of intoxication, "some for the first time in their lives." He demands an investigation and prosecution of the offenders.

Walter E. Carr, president of the club, says the charges which resulted in the preacher's caddies were started by discharged caddies.

Payne Defends Tariff.

Lyons, N. Y., Sept. 23.—That the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill absolutely fulfilled the promises of the last republican platform for "downward revision" and that it is an excellent law with the possible exception of the wool schedule, was the defiant declaration of Seneca E. Payne, one of its authors, in a speech here today. Among other things he said: "The law assigned by the president has resulted in a general revision downward, and nothing will ever make it appear otherwise. The Payne law has turned a deficit of \$50,000,000 into a surplus of \$22,000,000 in the first year's operation. It is an easy thing to say that the present tariff law has increased the cost of living, but it is impossible to prove it. On the other hand, on nearly every item where we reduced the tariff or where we left it the same, dealers have maintained the old price and some times increased it. We reduced the tariff on lumber from \$2 to \$1.25, and lumber brings the same old price. We increased the duty on shingles from 30 cents to 50 cents and the price of shingles has been lower than ever since the act became a law. We reduced the tariff on nearly every article, and especially on many of the articles in the provision line, and yet the price has gone up."

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